Sacrament of Penance

<u>To receive the Sacrament of Penance</u> worthily:

- 1. Remember your sins.
- 2. Be sorry for your sins.
- 3. Make up your mind not to sin again.
- 4. Confess your sins to the priest.
- 5. Do the penance the priest gives you.

In the Confessional

- Enter confessional
- Kneel
- Make the sign of the cross

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ since my last confession.

- Tell all mortal sins
- Tell venial sins

I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life.

- Listen to Father and answer any questions.
- When Father asks, say the....

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Amen.

Absolution

- Leave the confessional.
- Kneel down before Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and say thank-you.
- Say the penance Father asked of you.

Examination of Conscience

- Did I misbehave in Church?
- Did I think of other things when I should have been praying?
- Did I use the name of God without showing reverence to God?
- Did I disobey my parents?
- Did I talk back to my parents?
- Did I give right-away obedience?
- Was I mean?
- Did I make fun of anyone?
- Did I fight with anyone?
- Did I hate anyone or anything beside sin?
- Did I do anything mean to anyone or wish
- someone harm? • Did I say mean things about anyone?
- Did I listen to someone say mean things about someone else?
- Did I do anything impure?
- Did I steal anything or keep anything that wasn't mine?
- Was I careless with something that belonged to someone else?
- Did I tell a lie?
- Is there anything else bad I did at home? At church? When I was playing?

The 10 Commandments

- 1.1 am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
- 2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- 3. Remember thou keep holy the sabbath day.
- 4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 5. Thou shalt not kill
- 6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 7. Thou shalt not steal
- 8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife.
- 10.Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors goods.

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